Dear Members,

We add another milestone to our annual Festival Celebrations. In addition to our immensely anticipated Lohri and Holi at IHC, this October we add a Diwali celebration at Habitat.

We bring you Delhi's iconic 'Ram Lila' performance by the **Shriram** Bhartiya Kala Kendra, and festive food fare from the Habitat kitchen. A perfect evening out with the family.

Close on the heels of the Diwali celebration, $Lutfe\ Lucknow\ returns$ with a two-day festival of music and culinary delights of Lucknow.

To mark the tenth year since we began IHC Morning Ragas in $collaboration\ with\ The\ ITC\ Sange et\ Research\ Academy,\ ITC\ SRA\ is$ back with a line-up of music's Gen next. The season begins with a Hindustani vocal recital by **Debarshee Bhattacharjee** of the Patiala Gharana, disciple of Pt. Ajoy Chakraborty.

Wildlife Week is marked by the screening of two short films directed by Krishnendu Bose from the documentary series "Heroes of the Wild Frontiers" which chronicles the lives and work of forest department field staff - those unheralded guardians of India's wildlife and wild places.

Music and dance resonates with the onset of the festive season. The month begins with Eastern & Western Music Treasures by The Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir and the Neemrana Music Foundation Ensemble. Compositions by Anis Fuleihan, Enrique Granados, Franz Liszt and Frédéric Chopin feature in a piano recital by Marouan Benabdallah, and the Lyric Ensemble of Delhi conducted by Nise Meruno makes another appearance with Music Many Moods - Jazz, Pop.

Taking us back in time there is *Yaaden Begum Akhtar Ki* - a tribute to 'Mallika-e-Ghazal' Begum Akhtar by **Pranati Mhatre**, an evening of Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's Qawwalis performed by Rehmat-e-Nusrat, Gharana Festival featuring rare and unique compositions of the Benares Gharana and the Rampur Sahaswan Gharana, and Guldasta, an evening of Indian classical and semi - classical music.

The annual LalitArpan Festival of dance conceived and curated by Guru Shovana Narayan has performances by Gurus Shovana Narayan, Sharon Lowen, Gopika Varma, Rama Vaidyanathan and dancers of the **Asavari group**. 'Bhav-Gati' is a vibrant Kathak performance conceived and choreographed by **Rani Khanum**, and *Dhara* brings an evening of Kuchipudi by the **Lasyakalpa**

Theatre this month has Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello directed by M. K. Raina, a Punjabi contemporisation of Garcia Lorca's *Blood Wedding* directed by **Sanjay Kumar**, and a Dastangoi festival curated by **Mahmood Farooqui**.

Marking Gandhi Jayanti is a panel discussion on the book Parampara aur Paryavaran: Sustainability in the Handloom Traditions of

The 2nd Annual Shamsur Rahman Faruqi Memorial Lecture is on *The Purab: A Multilingual Literary History* by **Professor Francesca** Orsini, renowned scholar of medieval and modern Urdu and Hindi. The Gaitonde Memorial Lecture has Ranjit Hoskote speaking on *How Words Survive, and celebrating* Baba Bullehshah is *Tere Ishq Nachaya* - a discussion & recitation by **Dr. Madan Gopal** Singh and Dr. Vanita to music by Dhruv Sangari and narration by Sanjeevv Upadhyaya.

IHC CONVERSATIONS WITH AUTHORS brings diverse subjects and speakers: Autocrats: Charisma, Power, And Their Lives by Rajiv Dogra; a dramatised reading of Salman Khurshid's Sons of Babur; and Strategic Conundrums: Reshaping India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv

We continue with our monthly series: InfraKatha - a series of conversations analysing the infrastructure of the future; Trendspotting: Why Things Matter - a series that connects the frontiers of academia, research and thought with issues that matter $\,$ to people's lives; and Suitably Booked - The IHC Hybrid Book Club that features an online interaction with author and poet, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

The IHC Free Book X'change and the nursery plants sale as always is on the first Sunday of the month.

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The Stein Auditorium

Awadhi Home Cooked Food Festival

with home chef **Sheeba Iqbal**

& at the Programmes Desk, Habitat World, IHC.

Rehmat -- e-Nusrat -

Celebrating

Ustad Nusrat Fatch Ali Khan

on his 76th birth anniversary with the

legend's finest Qawwalis

(Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi/120 mins)

October 27 | 7:00pm Akhtari Se

Begum Akhtar

A Musical Performance by

Askari Naqvi

dustani/60 mins)

October 26 | 7:00pm

Tarannum se Kabir

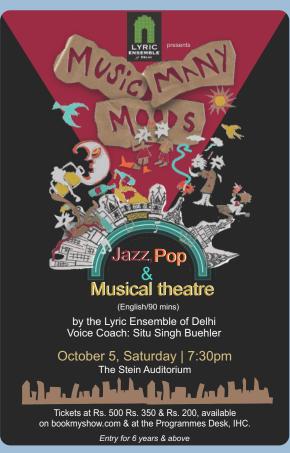
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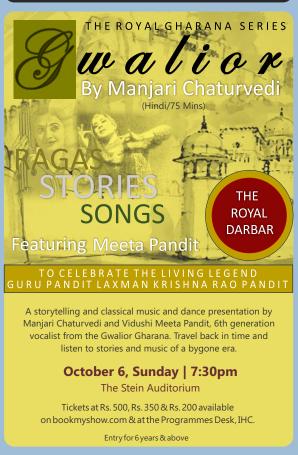
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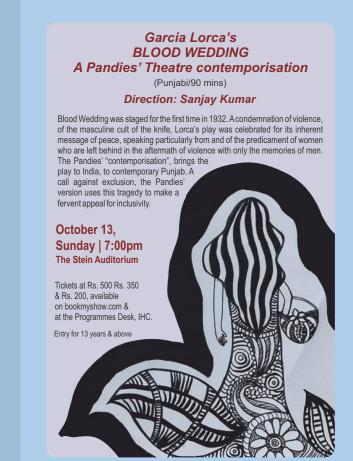
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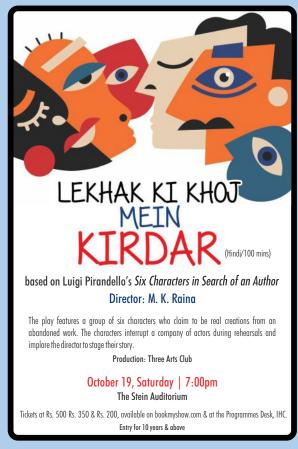
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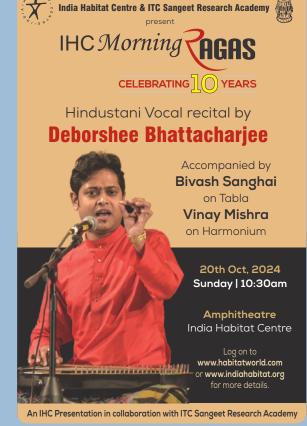
Wishing you a noise-free and pollution-free Happy Diwali!

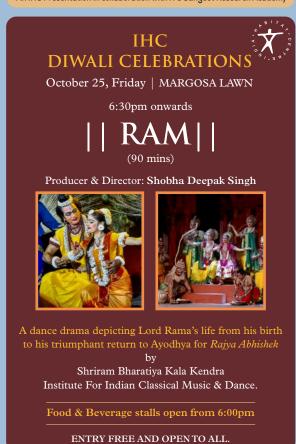


















2nd Fortnight

Sushma Ramachandran (A-3749)

R.K Mathur (A-0818)

Raineesh Malik (A-9017) Laylin Thadani (A-5014)

You might just win a complimentary meal for two!

*Conditions apply.

Mitali Gupta (A-9371)

M.S Sekhon (A-0721)

The Terrace Bar

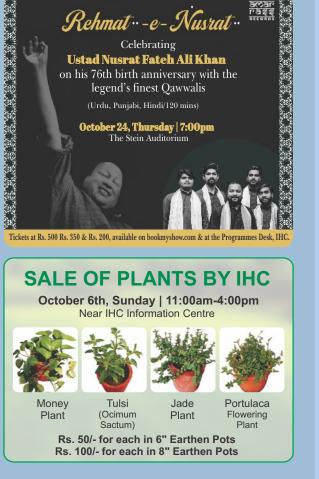


Calendar

October

The new skyroof in the IHC courtyards after complete renovation of Stein's iconic sunscreens

Habitat World at India Habitat Centre Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003 T: 4366 3333; E: habitatprogrammes@gmail.com www.habitatworld.com







panel for details

7:00pm | InfraKatha. A monthly series of

Infrastructure in the Age of AI by **Shailesh Kochhar**, AI Specialist. In collaboration

7:30pm | Music Many Moods - Jazz, Pop,

Lyric Ensemble of Delhi. Voice Coach:

Situ Singh Buehler. Ticketed show. Check

Musical Theatre (English/90 mins) by the

who are creating and analysing the

infrastructure of the future. Digital

with The Infravision Foundation.

conversations by multi-disciplinary experts







Leh Ka Sneh A solo exhibition of paintings

by Sanju Jain. Venue: Visual Arts Gallery.

Sculpture exhibition by Vikash Kalra. The

Urban Thoughts A solo Stainless Steel

urbanization. Venue: Centre Atrium

exhibition explores the moods of





President-IHC.

Dr. Jasvir Singh Rana. OPEN TO IHC

K. Raina. Ticketed show. Check website for

MEMBERS ONLY. Venue: Habitat Lounge

7:00pm | Lekhak Ki Khoj Mein Kirdar Dir. M.

7:00pm | IHC Music Club Series. Aikyam. A

Lec-Dem by Hindustani classical vocalist

7:00pm | IHC CONVERSATIONS WITH

AUTHORS. Presented by the Habitat

Library & Resource Centre. Autocrats:

Dogra. Publisher: Rupa Publications.

Ambassador Pavan Varma. Chair:

Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee,

Charisma, Power, And Their Lives by Rajiv

Speakers: Ambassador Rajiv Dogra and

7:00pm | **Dastangoi Festival**. Check website

Rama Sundar Ranganathan.

7:00pm | Lutf-e-Lucknow. Khana aur Gana. A

CULTURE. Konark: The Sun God's Chariot.

Dir. Benoy K. Behl. Prod. Doordarshan.

7:00pm | IHC CONVERSATIONS WITH

AUTHORS. Presented by HLRC. Dramatise

Reading of Salman Khurshid's 'Sons of Babun

Chair: Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee,

7:00pm | A Transient Life: Experiments With

The Idea Of Impermanence. New Series.

Speaker: Dr. Sneha Rooh, palliative

physician and somatic and arts based

two day festival of music and culinary

delights of Lucknow. Ticketed show. Check

therapist. Collab. The Red Door.

by the Author with Zafar Khurshid.

Publisher: Rupa Publications.

Venue: Zoom.

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by various artists.

Bahuguna.

Tribal Artists

20 – $24\,$ Nature Scapes - A Journey Through A solo

painting exhibition by Meenakshi

25-31 Whispers of the Unveiled A solo exhibition of

CENTRE ATRIUM

1st Sept – 12th Oct | *Urban Thoughts* A solo Stainless

17 - 20 Silent Conversations: From Margins to the

Steel Sculpture exhibition by Vikash Kalra.

Centre A group painting exhibition by the

WORKSHOP

Exclusive Painting and Sketching weekend Art Class

by ${\bf Jasmine\ Kaur}$ continues. For registration, please

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paintings by Pranaita Gusain.

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